



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT

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**NON-RESIDENT FINFISH LICENSES -- RENEWALS**

**1. Eligibility:**

- Any non-resident who held a valid non-resident rod and reel, commercial vessel, individual, miscellaneous pot, or otter/beam/pair trawl license for the taking of finfish (per RIGL 20-2-27 and 20-2-28) as of December 31, 2002 may renew their license by obtaining a new Non-Resident Principal Effort License with Restricted and/or Non-Restricted Finfish endorsements, if the data reporting requirements for 2002 have been met, and if the individual's state of residence allowed/allows Rhode Island residents access to the finfisheries that were/are open to the residents of that state.

**2. Available Licenses and Endorsements in 2003 for Non-Resident Commercial Finfishermen (per renewal):**

**(1) Non-Resident Principal Effort License (\$400):**

**(a) With Restricted Finfish Endorsement (No fee)**

- This endorsement allows the holder to harvest and sell all *restricted finfish* species in accordance with applicable regulations. This restricted finfish endorsement category includes and is limited to: *scup, summer flounder, black sea bass, tautog, striped bass, and winter flounder*.
- Vessels may not harvest or sell more than 200 pounds of summer flounder per day without a valid summer flounder exemption permit, regardless of the types of license(s) held by the individuals aboard those vessels.
- For listing of applicable regulations governing finfish, see DEM's website ([www.state.ri.us/dem](http://www.state.ri.us/dem)) and click "topics" then "marine fisheries"; as well as hand-outs available at DEM's Office of Boat Registration and Licensing.

**(b) With Non-Restricted Finfish Endorsement (\$100):**

- This endorsement allows the holder to harvest and sell all *non-restricted finfish* species in accordance with applicable regulations. This Non-Restricted Finfish endorsement category includes all finfish *except* *scup, summer flounder, black sea bass, tautog, striped bass, and winter flounder* (or *in addition to* the six restricted species if both endorsements are obtained).

- For listing of applicable regulations governing finfish, see DEM's website ([www.state.ri.us/dem](http://www.state.ri.us/dem)) and click "topics" then "marine fisheries"; as well as hand-outs available at DEM's Office of Boat Registration and Licensing.
- For applicants who wish to obtain this endorsement instead of the Restricted Finfish endorsement, there is no fee for the endorsement.

### **3. When and How to Apply:**

- New licenses and endorsements for 2003 will be available between January 1, 2003 and February 28, 2003. Renewals may be obtained beginning December 16, 2002. Applications may be made in person at DEM during regular business hours up to the close of business on February 28, or sent to DEM via mail with a postmark no later than February 28, 2003. *The Department cannot accept any applications for the 2003 license year, including renewal applications, after February 28, 2003.*

### **4. Information to be Provided with Each Application:**

- Full name
- Age
- Occupation
- Residence address
- Mailing address
- Weight
- Height
- Hair color
- Eye color
- The name of any state or jurisdiction in which your commercial fishing license and/or permit is currently revoked or suspended
- Driver's License number and state of issuance, or other state-issued photo identification card
- Primary gear type you intend to employ (non-binding)
- Signature

### **5. Declaration of Any Vessel Employed in the Commercial Fishery:**

- All vessels engaged in commercial fishing in Rhode Island waters must be declared annually with the Department in the form of a Vessel Declaration *before* they are so employed. This declaration requirement is in addition to the vessel registration requirement.
- If an individual employs more than one vessel in commercial fishing in Rhode Island waters, each must be declared.

- The following information must be provided for each vessel declared:
  - Name of owner
  - Name of vessel, if any
  - Registration and/or federal permit number
  - Length overall
  - Horsepower
  - Displacement
  - Gear type(s)
  - Principal fisheries in which it will be deployed
  - Number in crew
- The fee for each Non-Resident Vessel Declarations is:
  - \$50 for vessels up to and including 25 feet in length overall; and
  - \$1.50/foot for each whole foot over 25 feet.